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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SUDAN TO CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. FONOFF U/SEC MIRGHANI TOLD ME AT 1300 JULY 4 THAT SUDAN HAD BEEN VICTIM OF "EXTERNAL INVASION" IN ABORTIVE COUP OF JULY 2-3. ARMY UNITS HAD REMAINED LOYAL, CONTRARY PAST COUPS. BUT NOW GOS BELIEVES REBL FORCE WAS INFILTRATED IN SECRET FROM JEBEL UWAYNAT JUNCTION OF LIBYA-EGYPT-SUDAN FRONTIERS ALL THE WAY TO ENVIRONS OF KHARTOUM. MIRGHANI CLAIMED LIBYAN MARKINGS HAD BEEN FOUND ON ARMS CAPTURED FROM REBELS, THAT THE POSSESSED "ULTRA-MODERN" WEAPONS, INCLUDING ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-TANK GUNS, AND VEHICLES SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR DESERT USE. HE CONFIRMED PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT SOME OF REBELS WERE "TRAINED IN LIBYA BY LIBYANS".

2. MIRGHANI SAID THAT FOREGOING AND RELATED POINTS WOULD FORM BASIS GOS COMPLAINT TO SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO NEW YORK IN FEW HOURS TIME. MEANWHILE, GOS HAS ALREADY ACTED TO WITHDRAW ITS AMBASSADOR FROM TRIPOLI.

3. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTIONS, MIRGHANI CONFIRMED THAT ISSUE MIGHT ALSO BE RAISED BY GOS IN ARAB LEAGUE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS
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BASIS FOR LOCAL SPECULATION THAT (A) 2000 ANSAR EXILES IN ETHIOPIA

HAD RE-ENTERED SUDAN AS PART REBEL OPERATIONS; AND (B) ETHIOPIAN/ERITREAN ELEMENTS WERE ALSO INVOLVED. MIRGHANI WAS BITTER ABOUT ALLEGED BRUTALITIES COMMITTED BY REBELS ON DEFENSELESS CIVILIANS. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL REBELS HAD NOT COME HERE FROM OUTSIDE BUT THAT SOME HAD BEEN RECRUITED IN KHARTOUM AREA.

4. COMMENT: AFTER YEARS OF CONTROLLED SUSPICION OF LIBYAN MOTIVES AND ACTIVITIES RE SUDANESE OLD-LINE POLITICIANS NOW HEADQUARTERED IN TRIPOLI, NIMEIRI SEEMS TO HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE AS MUCH CAPITAL AS HE CAN OUT OF WHAT GOS REGARDS AS OUTRIGHT INVASION, EVEN THOUGH NO LIBYAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS INVOLVED.
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